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"(b) The Collector of Malabar has already sanctioned monetary assistance to the people affected for the reconstruction or repair of their damaged houses."

Floods in Malabar.

* 1287 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state what action has been taken by the Government to relieve the people of Malabar against the havoc created by the floods in that district?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"The Collector of Malabar has sanctioned monetary relief for the reconstruction of houses damaged or destroyed by the floods in the Malabar district."

Floods in Malabar.

* 1288 *Q.*—SRI M. CHADAYAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Collector of Malabar has submitted any report about the recent flood damages in the district of Malabar and, if so, whether a copy of the report will be placed on the Table of the House;

(b) whether the Collector has undertaken any relief measures and if so, what they are; and

(c) how many houses collapsed and what is the total extent of the damage done?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"(a) Yes. A preliminary report has been received from the Collector of Malabar. As the report is not a complete one, it will not serve any useful purpose to place a copy of the report on the Table of the House.

"(b) The Collector has sanctioned monetary relief for the reconstruction of damaged or destroyed houses, wherever necessary.

"(c) From the report received so far, 476 houses have been either damaged or destroyed by the floods. Full details have not yet been received as communications were cut off and interior places are inaccessible."

Arrests at Dalmiapuram on 15th July 1953.

* 1289 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) how many were arrsted in Dalmiapuram on 15th July 1953 in connexion with the stopping of trains;

(b) how many were shot dead on that day by the police;

(c) how many were injured by the police; and

(*d*) under what class is Mr. M. Karunanidhi, one of the arrested leaders on 15th July 1953 at Dalmiapuram, placed in the Tiruchirappalli jail?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" (*a*) The reports received by Government show that thirty-six persons were arrested on 15th July 1953.

" (*b*) Two persons are reported to have lost their lives as a result of the opening of fire by the police.

" (*c*) Sixteen persons (excluding police officers) are reported to have been injured. The Government have no information as to how many of these sixteen persons were injured as a result of the action taken by the police to disperse the crowd.

" (*d*) According to a telephonic enquiry made, the prisoner was placed in 'C' class. The Magistrate who convicted the prisoner had no powers to recommend classifying the prisioner 'A' or 'B' and no representation was made at that time. The question is treated as a representation and Government have ordered the prisoner to be put in 'B' class."

*Producers-*cum*-Consumer Societies in Malabar.*

* 1290 *Q.*—SRI A. APPU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there have been numerous cases of misappropriation of large sums of money in the several Producers-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Malabar;

(*b*) how such cases of misappropriation were dealt with and what has been the total amount detected to have been lost so far; and

(*c*) what steps the Government propose to take to improve the working of these societies in future?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA:—" (*a*) to (*c*) The attention of the Member is invited to the answer furnished to the question (unstarred) No. 49 (82) answered on 16th July 1953."

Subsidy for cottage industries.

* 1291 *Q.*—SRI A. RATHINAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many societies for the development of Cottage Industries have been subsidised by the State Government during the years 1951–52, and 1952–53 and the amount of grant or subsidy paid each year; and

(*b*) how many of them are managed by the Harijans and the subsidy granted to them last year?